



*Pisgah United Methodist Church
200th Anniversary Celebration — May 19, 2013*

Visual Journaling by Ginnie & Dewayne Lowther to help tell the story!

This Visual Essay has been created as a gift to the Pisgah Congregation
by Ginnie and Dewayne Lowther, both ordained United Methodist Clergy,
who began visual journaling together in 1949 and have provided
photographs that will continue to tell the stories of
important local congregation celebrations.



1949

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50th Anniversary - 2003



The community of faith that gathers together, and is known as Pisgah United Methodist Church, has been meeting in this same location for over 200 years. The first building, a log structure placed on an acre of land sold to the trustees of Mount Pisgah Methodist Episcopal Church by Thomas and Jane Ewel, became the gathering place for worship, Sunday School, Bible Studies and fellowship events.



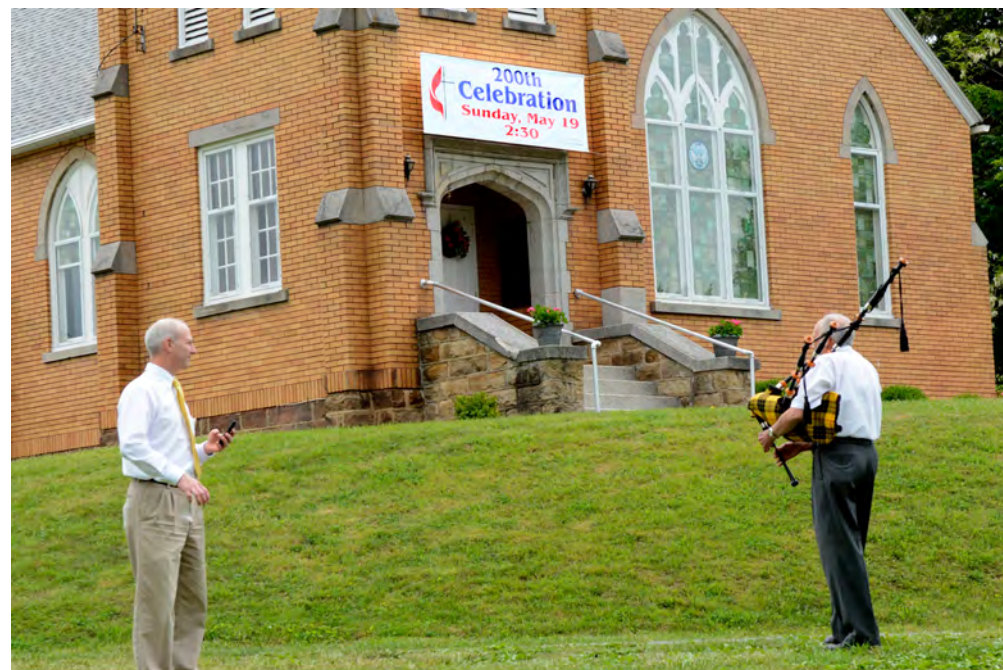
Over the years of meeting praying and worshipping together, the log structure became a white board church and, in 1924, the current brick building was erected where the congregation continues to meet.

In 2013, a celebration captured in photos, was held to commemorate 200 years of ministry. Gathering for worship on the site of the white board church, members of the church and visitors gathered for worship with the service being led by Rev. Thomas Shepherd. Celebrated on that day where the mission and ministry of the congregation throughout the years. With the reminder that we are surround by a cloud of witnesses, the congregation was encouraged to continue in faithful mission and ministry.

I was asked write this introduction to the photos taken that day. I grew up in this small country church, surrounded by family and friends who reminded me often that God loved me and encouraged me in my walk of faith. I have been serving the West Virginia Annual Conference of The United Methodist Church since 1994 as an ordained elder. I was one of the persons who sat in the midst of the foundation of the white board church building as we sang and prayed during that bicentennial celebration. I could look across the way and see the brick building where the church gathered that helped shape who I am today. I am forever grateful for the followers of Christ who urged me to seek God with all of my heart, soul, mind and strength and prayed for me to have the courage to follow.

Rev. Stephanie J. Bennett

















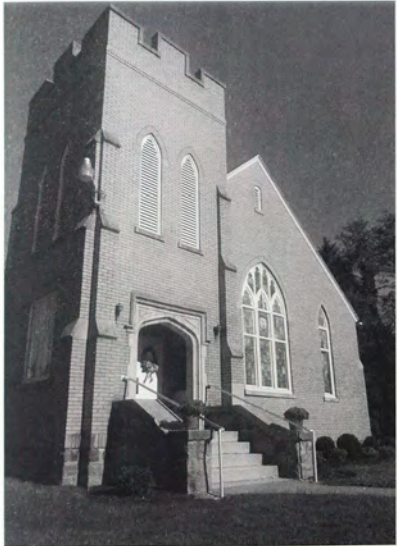


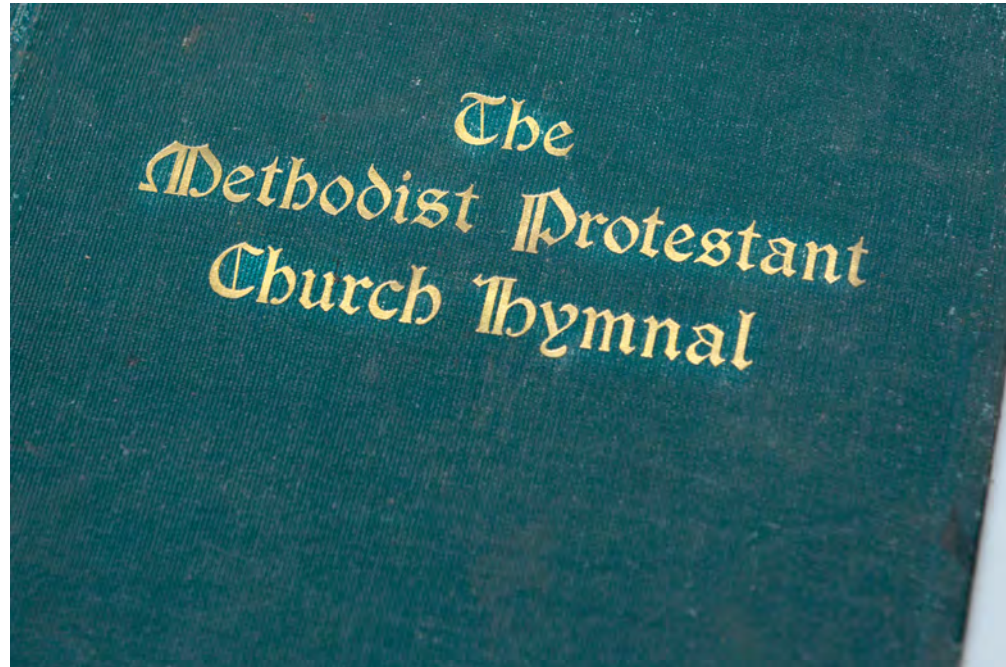
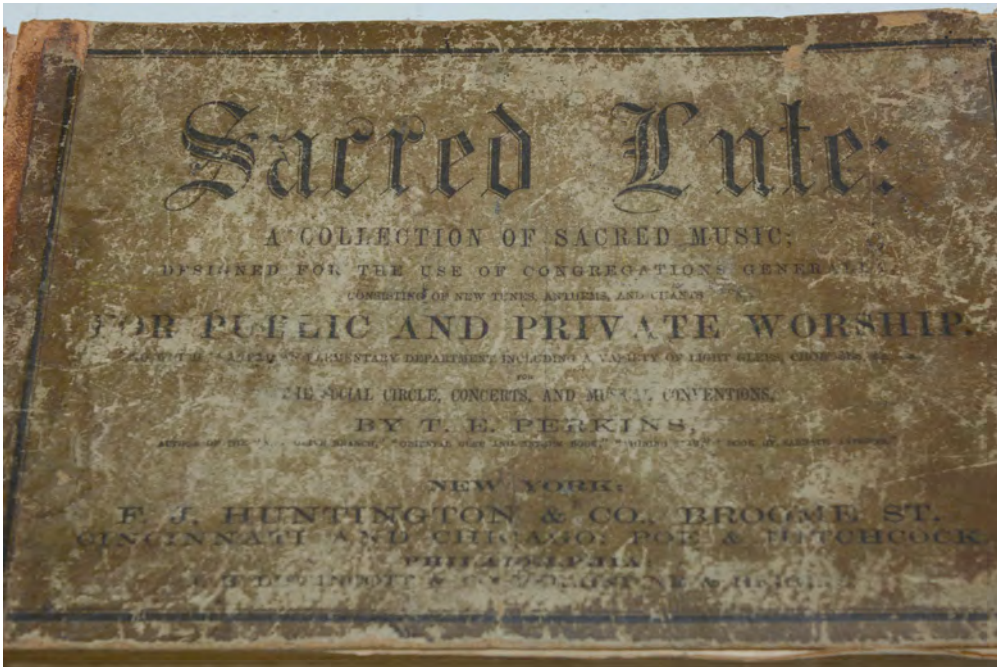
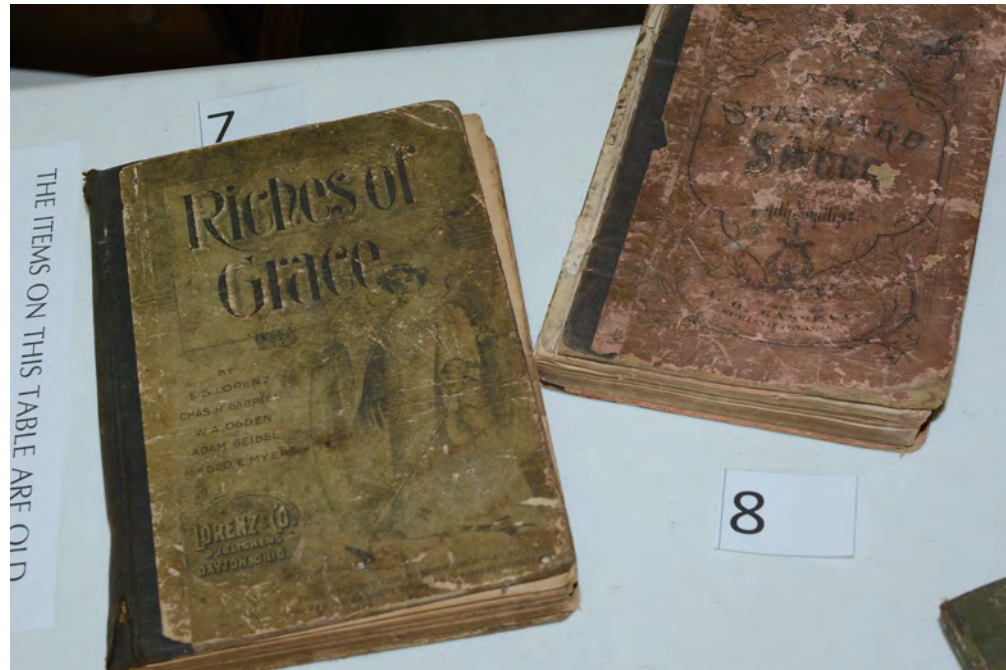


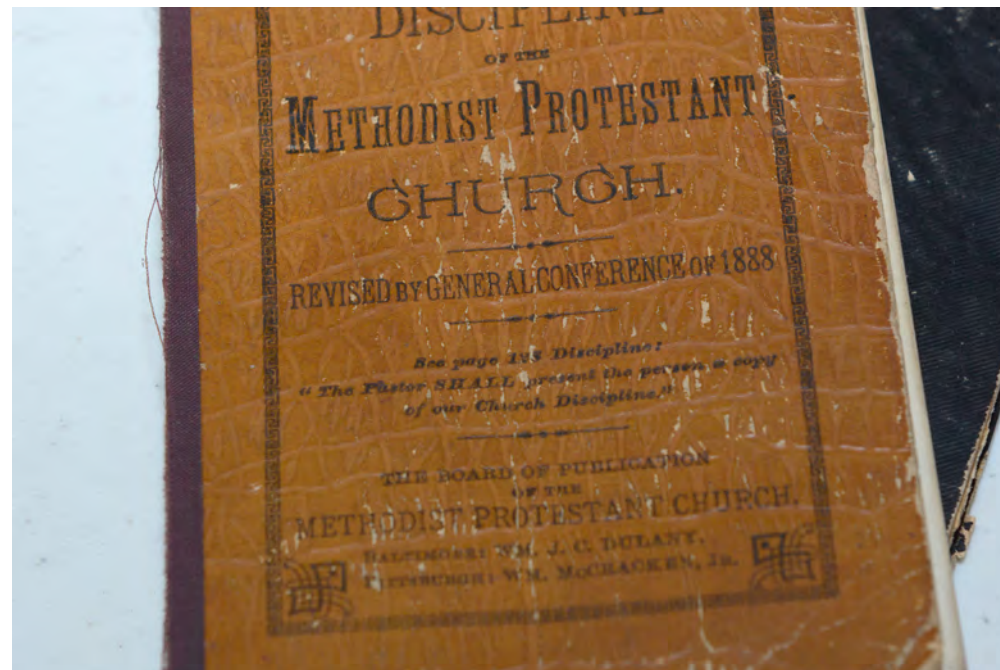
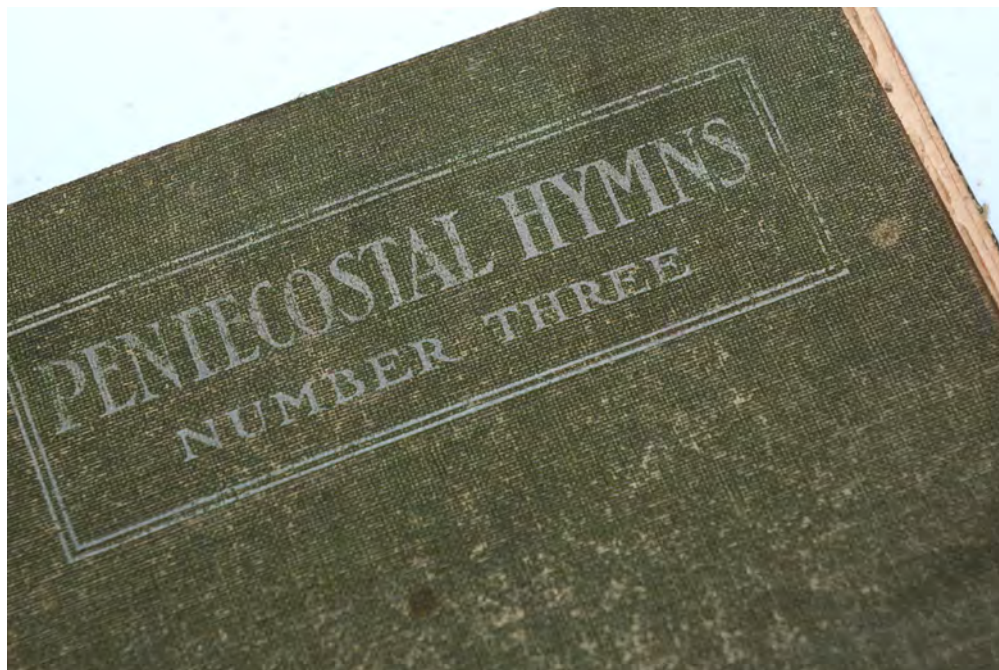
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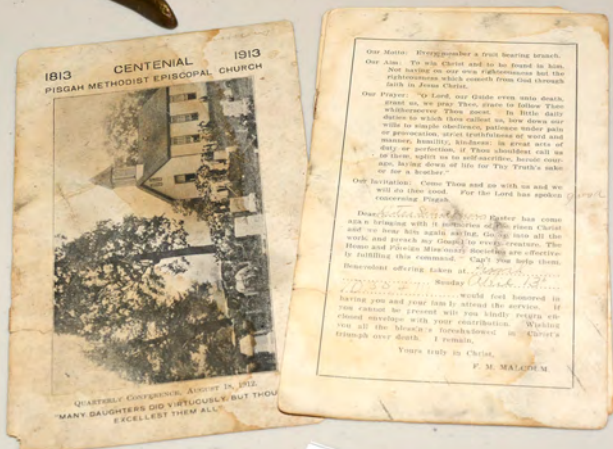
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Bicentennial History: 1813 – 2013









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